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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT : Meeting on European Developments with NSC Staff Members  
Peter Sommer, Tyrus Cobb and Ambassador Jack Matlock on  
2 February 1984.

1. On 2 February, NIO/WE Milton Kovner and A/NIO/WE [REDACTED] 25X1  
met with NSC staff members responsible for European affairs. The  
purpose was to review the estimates program and explore ways in which  
NIO/WE could improve support to the NSC. The following summarizes the  
most significant aspects of this meeting.

2. Ambassador Matlock reviewed the priority concerns of his  
staff. Uppermost in his mind were the policy implications of a  
diminishing foreign policy consensus in West Germany. In particular,  
the [REDACTED] longevity of the peace movement 25X1  
continue to be preoccupying the NSC staff, and they expressed interest  
in our plan [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] One NSC staff member mentioned that the implications of  
generational change in Western Europe needed further analysis, since he  
could not determine how serious this would be for future US-European  
cooperation. 25X1

3. Other topics of interest to the NSC included future US-European  
economic disputes. Ambassador Matlock said that in many policy  
meetings dealing with trade issues, agencies with obvious interests  
(Commerce, Treasury, etc.) often took the lead in laying out the  
economic pros and cons for US-EC relations, but there was little  
analysis available on the political implications of various scenarios  
dealing with US-European economic disputes. While he understood the  
Intelligence Community's obvious reluctance to drive the policy process  
by suggesting alternative outcomes, he felt that some effort was needed  
to lay out plausible conditions (or US actions) that would aggravate or

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ameliorate transatlantic disputes. Some things, he added, were within US control, while others are not. The Intelligence Community should analyze the implications of various actions vis-a-vis the Europeans, which are not necessarily under consideration by US policymakers but were within Washington's control.

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5. We briefed Matlock and others on the April conference on Europe in the Eighties. They plan to attend, but acknowledged that their schedules often prevented participation in such meetings. They would welcome brief reports on the findings of such conferences and the key issues that emerged. They encouraged us to consider future off-site, weekend seminars that would enable them to get away from their desks and engage in an extended dialogue on European developments.

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